

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001 and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2001.

CHAPTER 677

(House Bill 716)

AN ACT concerning

Circuit Courts - Funding of Law Clerks ~~and Rental of Space for Clerks of Court~~

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the State Administrative Office of the Courts to pay counties rent for certain space in county facilities occupied by the clerks of the circuit courts, as provided in certain agreements approved by the Board of Public Works; prohibiting an agreement for rental from exceeding a certain amount and including certain provisions; prohibiting a county from decreasing the space allocated to the clerk of the circuit court below a certain amount;~~ requiring each circuit court judge to have a law clerk employed by the State; requiring certain ~~appropriations~~ funds to be included in the State budget; requiring counties ~~and Baltimore City~~ to use the savings from this Act for circuit court or related public safety purposes; requiring reports on certain expenditures; providing for the ~~construction and~~ application of this Act; ~~providing for a delayed effective date;~~ and generally relating to State funding of circuit court operations.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section ~~1-504~~ and 2-512

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

~~1-504.~~

~~(A) THERE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN EACH STATE BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NECESSARY THE BUDGET FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS SHALL INCLUDE FUNDS TO PAY COUNTIES RENTAL RENT TO COUNTIES FOR SPACE OCCUPIED IN COUNTY FACILITIES BY CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.~~